oose the Right Battery

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ustify its purchase. For high- pplications, as in a model air- gine ignition, electric motors project as the PANIC BUT- v. '61 EI), the price is com- or by great performance.

vords about 9-volt transistor- eries. These cells have two . First, some have low cur- s which often are exceeded rew projects. Some have low as 0-8 ma. If you select ttery for a project, make sure lle the required current. To nake the best selection, we the current ranges for popu- atteries in Table 2.

ond problem is the poor ome 9-volt batteries. Name Eveready, Mallory, Burgess e dependable, as are the im- nds handled by reputable outors. But there are many ufactured imported batteries as little as 9 cents each. At e suspicous and don't stock

dmium Batteries. The nium (NC) rechargeable latively expensive but it is nore often these days.

biggest advantages are that r high surge current at rel- ant voltage, and that it can hundreds, even thousands, here equipment gets con- avy use, such as in a speed- lkie-talkie, the high initial NC is offset by a lower en- cost. As an example, a can burn up a $1.60 set of ry day under heavy use. ', which you can *recharge* d six months later you'll strong on the same set.

, remember these three battery economics: 1) Use ned for the intended serv- within the recommended 3) If a battery is to be ntly, pick the one with ce.

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During the next few months ZFY's programming and political line may fluctuate drastically, depending on what pressures are put on the station at any given time. But frequencies should remain the same. This means 3255 kc in early evening (until about 2115 EST) and 5980 kc in the early mornings from approximately 0415. Ambitious DXers also might be able to log the BCB outlet on 760 kc early Monday morning. There'll be heavy Cuban QRM, but Detroit's WJR is silent at that time.

Trend Teller . . . While the subject of broadcast-band DX certainly isn't rare, one important aspect of it often is overlooked. BCB stations reflect trends in American life much more clearly than other broadcasters—TV, FM or short wave. In order to view the trends on a national level, one must, of course, receive stations from all parts of the country—DX, in other words.

Over the past few years AM radio has been swept by several trends or formulas. There was (and still is) rock 'n' roll, ranging in quality from bawling adolescences on up to legitimate folk music. But a new and possibly more representative formula has arrived. It's slightly more complex (the industry term is *adult*) than R&R but generally it follows these rules: 1) Play nothing but soft, soothing, inoffensive background music. Then listeners won't object to almost any commercial between selections, whether it be a patent medicine or real estate in Florida's Great Dismal Swamp. 2) Run regular editorials which stop just short of slander. These will provide the most publicity for the least money. If located near the border, think about breaking diplomatic relations. 3) Throw in a few public-service features, like the "Klu Klux Klan Hour." This prevents the FCC from cancelling your license (freedom of speech, you know).

You think we're kidding? Well, maybe your local broadcaster is agin progress. In which case, we only can urge you to go and DX for yourself.

CB To The Rescue

A FEW months ago, the frame on a quiet street in San Calif., were slumbering out the Suddenly, two walls of one ho away under the thunderous bl gas explosion. Almost before a could gather, four young CBers situation under control.

Tony Cardenas, KEJ0066; McTaggart, 11Q2652; Phil St KEJ2890; and Gordon West, K

were on patrol for the new local c of REACT—Radio Emergency A ated Citizens Team. Each had h bile CB rig tuned to channel 6, the gency monitoring channel.

Within minutes of the explosio denas and McTaggart were at the Cardenas gave first aid to a man was limping along the street. M gart, meanwhile, sent out a 10-33 Stevens and West picked up.

Stevens was assigned the task o ing ambulances, firemen and p West, whose car boasts four tran ters and ten receivers (see photo), by in case of further complications

The incident, by no means un typifies the helpful contribution Citizens Banders can make to their munities.—*David Gray*

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